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WASHINGTON, JULY 26 (AP)- BRUCE T. ODELL, THE U.S. EMBASSY ATTACHE ACCUSED BY THE OFFICIAL ARAB REPUBLIC PRESS AGENCY OF BEING A CIA AGENT, IS IN THE UNITED STATES AND WILL NOT RETURN TO CAIRO, THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

ODELL LEFT CAIRO ON SUNDAY AND "IS NOW IN THE UNITED STATES, I BELIEVE IN WASHINGTON, FOR CONSULTATIONS," PRESS OFFICER MARSHALL WRIGHT TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE.

ODELL'S FAMILY IS STILL IN CAIRO BUT WILL JOIN HIM SOON, WRIGHT SAID.

"HIS USEFULNESS AS A POLITICAL OFFICER IN CAIRO OBVIOUSLY HAS BEEN AFFECTED BY THIS AFFAIR," WRIGHT SAID IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS.

"I WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT HE WILL BE TRANSFERRED."

LAST WEEK ODELL WAS HAVING LUNCH WITH MUSTAFA AMIN, EDITOR OF THE NEWSPAPER AL AKHBAR, WHEN UAR SECURITY POLICE ARRESTED AMIN ON CHARGES OF SPYING FOR THE UNITED STATES.

THE AMERICAN WAS QUESTIONED FOR 90 MINUTES AND HIS NOTEBOOK WAS TAKEN FROM HIM, BUT HE WAS RELEASED.

THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT DID NOT REQUEST THAT ODELL BE RECALLED.

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WASHINGTON, JULY 26 (UPI)--THE STATE DEPARTMENT CONFIRMED TODAY THAT BRUCE T. ODELL, A POLITICAL OFFICER AT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN CAIRO, HAS BEEN BROUGHT HOME FOR "CONSULTATIONS" AND ASSIGNMENT TO ANOTHER POST.

DEPARTMENT PRESS OFFICER MARSHALL WRIGHT SAID ODELL WAS DETAINED BY EGYPTIAN POLICE WHO HAD FOUND HIM IN THE COMPANY OF A LEADING EGYPTIAN EDITOR CHARGED WITH PASSING INFORMATION TO THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLI GENCE AGENCY.

ODELL'S "USEFULNESS AS A POLITICAL OFFICER HAS CLEARLY BEEN AFFECTED BY THIS AFFAIR," WRIGHT SAID.

ALTHOUGH SEMI-OFFICIAL NEWS REPORTS FROM CAIRO BRANDED ODELL AS A CIA AGENT, THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS DENIED THIS. CAIRO APPARENTLY DID NOT ORDER HIM OUT OF THE COUNTRY.

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